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MAN SENTENCED FOR ALTERING SATELLITE TV CARDS

MIAMI- A 26-year-old computer hacker convicted for conspiracy to commit access device fraud was sentenced here Monday to a 30-month federal prison term and ordered to pay \$500,000 in restitution to the victims of DirectTV and NDS Americas Incorporated following an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigation.

The sentencing results were announced by Jesus Torres, ICE's Special Agent-in-Charge in Miami and Marcos Daniel Jimenez, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

Brian Dorsett, who admitted to having altered satellite TV smart cards, plead guilty on Feb. 17, 2005.

ICE agents arrested Dorsett on Nov. 17, 2004 while he negotiated the sale of four hundred Direct TV Latin America satellite reception cards. When ICE agents exchanged payment with Dorsett he was immediately arrested. ICE agents also served a search warrant on Dorsett's Miami residence and discovered hundreds of additional hacked cards.

"The sentencing of Dorsett sends a clear message that ICE remains committed to identifying and prosecuting sophisticated computer hackers who steal the intellectual property of others for their own ill gain," said Torres. "We will find these types of hackers and ensure that they experience the full weight of the law."

Dorsett also received a 3-year supervised release with a stipulated condition that he be prohibited from watching television or have television access during his probation.

ICE worked in partnership with NDS investigators whose company manufactures the computer chip inside the satellite TV reception cards. The investigation continues with ICE and NDS in an effort to identify those involved in Dorsett's criminal network.

The conspiracy to commit access device fraud is in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029 9b) (2).

According to the business consumer report, satellite companies, movies studios and sports franchises that supply programming lose well over \$1 billion a year in uncollected revenue from piracy. The satellite services typically offer far more Pay Per View channels than most cable services do, and all their signals, making them clearer and easier to copy.

Anyone with information pertaining to Brian Dorsett or his hacking criminal network you are urged to call 1-800- BE-ALERT.

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